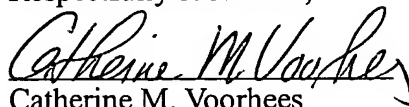


REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is made to eliminate multiple claim dependency.

Respectfully submitted,

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